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To the United States Department of Justice:

In light of the ruling handed down by the court finding Microsoft guilty of monopolizing several aspects of software and operating systems, I wish to voice my hopes that your agency will punish the corporation.

Fines and token apologies are not enough in my opinion, especially considering the vast amounts of revenue that the company has produced along with the powerful grip over countless businesses, home owners, even school districts. Significant restraints and reprimands should be levied against the large corporation.

An idea gaining large acceptance within the technological community would be to standardize the Windows API code, which I believe would be a great step towards ensuring a more competitive market. Intellectual property is important and quite cherished in our society, but it is because of the great value placed on it that it must be the source of punishment for Microsoft.

Considering the vast resources the company has at its disposal, fines and lawsuits are hardly going to prevent or even hinder their continued stranglehold on the market they so obviously dominate.

Your duty is to prosecute those who violate the laws of the United States of America. If Microsoft was a first time offender, leniency would obviously come into play. However, they are in fact repeat offenders that have blatantly broken and scoffed at the laws in place to protect the greater population of society. I implore your agency to protect the consumers and competitors of Microsoft and force them to cooperate within our capitalist economy. We are driven by competition and market sharing, it is the core of our society. You are the best hope for society to topple the juggernaut.

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